

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, are respectfully requested in light of the remarks which follow.

I. Status of the Claims

As set forth in the Office Action Summary, Claims 1-52 are pending. Claims 25-47, 51 and 52 stand withdrawn. Claims 1-24 and 48-50 have been amended herein.

The amendments to the claims have been made without prejudice or disclaimer to any subject matter canceled herein. Applicants reserve the right to file at least one continuation and/or divisional application directed to any canceled subject matter. No new matter has been added, and entry of the foregoing amendments of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that the "use" claims are in improper format.

In response, Applicants have rewritten claims 1-24 as methods claims, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-24 and 48-50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite and unclear for the following reasons.

A. The Examiner has stated that it is not clear whether the definition of R₆ in claims 1-24 and 48-50 includes the phrase "linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated C₁₋₂₀ alkyl radicals and saturated or unsaturated rings of 4 to 7 atoms . . . "

In response, Applicants have amended the claims to clarify that the definition of R_6 does include the cited phrase, by deleting the "and" between SO_2R_9 and $SO_2NR_9R'_9$.

B. The Examiner has stated that the compound of formula (I) is not defined in claim 49.

In response, Applicants have amended claim 49 to include the definition of formula (I). Similar amendments have also been made to claims 48 and 50.

C. The Examiner has stated that claims 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10-24 are incomplete for omitting essential steps needed to show the process steps involved in the preparation or manufacture of the compositions recited in the claims.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 3, 5, 8, and 10 to include the step of "combining at least one styrylpyrazole compound of formula (I), or a salt thereof, with a non-toxic, physiologically acceptable medium," as supported in the specification at least at page 19, lines 6-9.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejections.

II. Objections

A. Declaration

The Declaration has been objected to because the title of the application on the Declaration is in a foreign language.

Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Application Data Sheet indicating the title of the application in English.

B. Specification

The abstract of the disclosure has been objected to because it is missing a period at the end of the last sentence.

In response, Applicants have included herein an amendment to the abstract adding a period at the end of the last sentence.

C. Claims

Claim 22 has been objected to for missing a period at the end of the claim; missing the term "and" between the last two compounds 10 and 11; and missing commas between compounds 1-10.

Applicants have amended claim 22 accordingly. Similar editorial amendments have also been made to claim 37.

In addition, claims 11-24 and 48 have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper form because multiple dependent claims cannot depend on another multiple dependent claim.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 11-15 and 17-24 to correct the improper multiple dependencies.

D. Non-elected subject matter

Claims 1-24 and 48-50 have been objected to as containing non-elected subject matter.

In response, Applicants have amended the claims by deleting the non-elected subject matter, as required by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all rejections have been overcome by the above amendments. Thus, Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

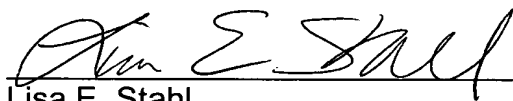
In the event that there are any questions relating to this paper, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at 703-838-6609 so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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